

PART III.—SUMMARY OF AREAS.

| | Acres. |
|---|------------------|
| Area <i>finally</i> acquired to 31st March, 1897 (<i>vide</i> G.—3, 1897) | 6,741,594 |
| Area <i>finally</i> acquired during 1897-98 | 360,238 |
| Total area <i>finally</i> acquired to 31st March, 1898 | <u>7,101,832</u> |
| Portion of 360,238 acres, as above, <i>finally</i> acquired during 1897-98, representing the work of that period .. | 112,445 |
| Progress on uncompleted purchases during 1897-98.. .. . | 149,161 |
| Total results for year ending 31st March, 1898 | <u>261,606</u> |
| Uncompleted purchases on 31st March, 1898— | |
| Lands passed through Native Land Court | 1,321,405 |
| Lands not passed through Native Land Court | 78,776 |
| Total | <u>1,400,181</u> |

PART IV.—EXPENDITURE.

| | General Loans. | | North Island Main Trunk Railway Loan. | | Total. | |
|---|----------------|-------|---|-------|-----------|-------|
| | £ | s. d. | £ | s. d. | £ | s. d. |
| Expenditure from 1st April, 1897, to 31st March, 1898— | | | | | | |
| On lands <i>finally</i> acquired: Part I. | 23,001 | 9 6 | .. | .. | 23,001 | 9 6 |
| On land partially acquired: Part II. | 32,492 | 7 9 | .. | .. | 32,492 | 7 9 |
| On old purchases | 3,413 | 6 0 | .. | .. | 3,413 | 6 0 |
| On working-expenses | 3,012 | 6 8 | .. | .. | 3,012 | 6 8 |
| | 61,919 | 9 11 | .. | .. | 61,919 | 9 11 |
| Credits to past expenditure | 416 | 11 6 | .. | .. | 416 | 11 6 |
| Total net expenditure, 1st April, 1897, to 31st March, 1898 | 61,502 | 18 5 | .. | .. | *61,502 | 18 5 |
| Expenditure to 31st March, 1897, as per G.—3, 1897 .. | 1,569,809 | 5 6 | 219,987 | 10 8 | 1,789,796 | 16 2 |
| Total expenditure to 31st March, 1898 | 1,631,312 | 3 11 | 219,987 | 10 8 | 1,851,299 | 14 7 |

* Including £1,169 4s. 9d. charged to Unauthorised Expenditure.

Native Land Purchase Office,
Wellington, 1st July, 1898.

P. SHERIDAN,
Officer in Charge.

REPORT on the CONDITION and SETTLEMENT of all LANDS acquired under "The Native Land Purchases Act, 1892."

FAIR proportions of first- and second-class lands have been acquired during the year, which will assist materially in meeting the more immediate requirements of settlement.

Lands and Survey Office,
Wellington, 1st July, 1898.

S. PERCY SMITH,
Surveyor-General.

STATEMENT of MONEYS RECEIVED and PAID for the PURCHASE of NATIVE LANDS during the Financial Year ending on the 31st Day of March, 1898.

| <i>Receipts.</i> | | £ | s. | d. | <i>Expenditure.</i> | | £ | s. | d. |
|--|----------------|-----------|-----------|---|---------------------|-----------|-----------|----|----|
| To Appropriation by Vote 94 | 60,500 | 0 | 0 | By Purchase of Native lands | 60,975 | 3 | 4 | | |
| Recoveries in reduction of expenditure | 641 | 9 | 8 | Advances in hands of officers of the Government | 828 | 15 | 6 | | |
| Issued in excess of receipts | 662 | 9 | 2 | | | | | | |
| | <u>£61,803</u> | <u>18</u> | <u>10</u> | | <u>£61,803</u> | <u>18</u> | <u>10</u> | | |

Certified as correct, in terms of section 20 of "The Native Land Purchases Act, 1892."

Wellington, 19th July, 1898.

J. K. WARBURTON,
Controller and Auditor-General.

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